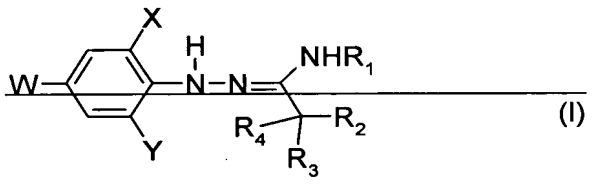
Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph to the specification at page 1, line 1, after the title:

This application is a National Stage application of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/013686 filed December 2, 2004, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/526,609, filed December 4, 2003, the entire contents of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 and ending on page 1, line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention provides a method for the protection of seeds comprising contacting the seeds before sowing and/or after pregermination with a compound of formula I:



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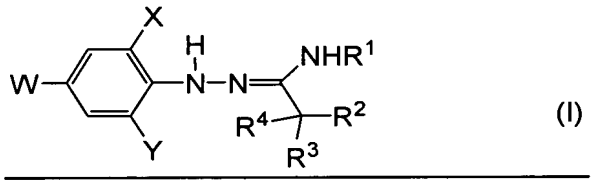

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wherein

W is chlorine or trifluoromethyl;

X and Y are each independently chlorine or bromine;

R^1 is C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_3-C_6-alkenyl, C_3-C_6-alkynyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl which may be substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms, or C_2-C_4-alkyl which is substituted by C_1-C_4-alkoxy;

R^2 and R^3 are C_1-C_6-alkyl or may be taken together to form C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl which may be unsubstituted or substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms;

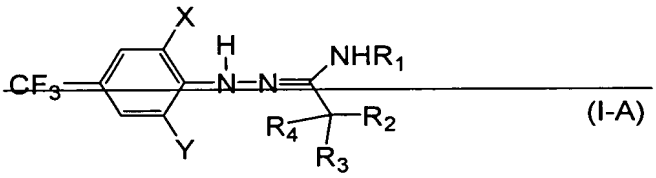
R^4 is hydrogen or C_1-C_6-alkyl,

or the enantiomers or salts thereof,

in pesticidally effective amounts.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 7 and ending on page 5, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

With respect to their use, particular preference is also given to the hydrochloric acid, maleic acid, dimaleic acid, fumaric acid, difumaric acid, methane sulfenic acid, methane sulfonic acid, and succinic acid adducts of the compounds of the tables below.



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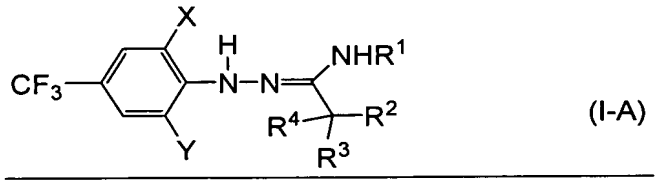

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